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SUBJECT: TEXTILE BILATERAL

1. TEXTILES IMPORTED IN-BOND FOR FURTHER PROCESSING AND
SUBSEQUENT EXPORTATION ARE, AND ALWAYS HAVE BEEN, SUBJECT TO
THE LEVELS OF U.S. BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING
THE AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO.

2. THIS PROBLEM HAS ARISEN BEFORE, AND AS DISCUSSED AT
LENGTH WITH U.S. CUSTOMS. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ESTABLISH
PRACTICAL CERTIFICATION AND CONTROL PROCEDURES (AS
STIPULATED BY PARA. 5 ART. 6 OF MFA) TO ASSURE PRODUCTS
WOULD EITHER BE EXPORTED OR CHARGED TO PROPER QUOTAS.

3. FYI U.S. LAW DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT IN-BOND IMPORTS BE
EXPORTED. AN IMPORTER MAY FORFEIT THE BOND AND ENTER THE
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GOODS FOR CONSUMPTION IN THE DOMESTIC MARKET. SINCE THE

BOND FORFEITED IS ONLY TICE THE U.S. RATE OF DUTY, THE
FORFEITURE DOES NOT SERVE AS AN ADEQUATE IMPEDIMENT TO
IMPORTATION OF THE BONDED ITEM. WE LOOKED INTO THE
MATTER IN SOME DETAIL AND DISCOVERED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF
THESE PRODUCTS NEVER LEFT THE COUNTRY. IF IN-BOND IMPORTS
WERE NOT CHARGEABLE TO QUOTA LEVELS THE CURRENT NUMBER OF
FORFEITURES WOULD PROBABLY INCREASE AND MASSIVE

CIRCUMVENTION OF THE AGREEMENT COULD RESULT. END FYI KISSINGER

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